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Jaycees Seek Donations To Aid Rett Syndrome Child

By Sharon Shank, Director, Romulus Jaycees

When the Jaycees have a chance to help someone in need, they do their best to fulfill the request. It may take some time to see it through financially. Sometimes, there is no alternative than to appeal to the public and ask them to open their hearts and offer whatever help they can give.

A short time ago, the Romulus Jaycees were approached by a local nurse who visits a patient named Lauren. She is nine years old and has never walked a day in her life. She's never played hopscotch, or pedaled a bike, or strolled freely along a beach by her mother's side. She has Rett Syndrome, and is specially cared for at home by her mom, Jennifer, and her three brothers. They need a wheelchair ramp to give them an easier means of shuttling young Lauren to and from their single-wide mobile home.

Until my visit with Jennifer Baffy, I could only imagine the never-ending responsibility of caring for a child with special needs. Initially, our conversations took place by phone; then we agreed that it would be better if I could actually see the mobile home to determine what would be needed to construct a ramp beside it.

The night that I went to interview Jennifer and her family, I parked my car a few doors down from her trailer and walked the short distance to her steps. The wind was blowing fiercely and I carefully sidestepped to keep from slipping on the patches of ice. Immediately, I visualized how difficult it must be to maneuver a wheelchair down four fiberglass steps while steering it toward the family's vehicle. I tried to picture myself lifting and carrying both child and chair, and found myself counting blessings for the perfect health of those children in my life.

Jennifer greeted me and my friend, Tom Shamanski, who was there to help me conduct the interview. With a warm smile, she welcomed us into her home. We sat in the kitchen as she began telling us about her daughter's condition.

Lauren was born seemingly healthy until she began to show peculiar signs such as an inability to crawl and a non-interest in her toys. Jennifer became alarmed when it didn't seem to her that her child was tracking moving objects. Her concerns prompted a trip to their pediatrician in upstate New York, where the family had moved from Michigan. His diagnosis was that the baby was simply experiencing a delay in the development of her motor skills, but suggested that a trip to a neurologist would give them a more decisive explanation.

When doctors at a medical center in New England completed their tests on Lauren, her family was told that she had cerebral palsy. For the next three years, their devastation grew worse as Lauren began to show signs of progressive loss of all motor skills. This led Jennifer to question the diagnosis, and she demanded to know more information about her daughter's condition. After an in-depth series of extensive tests, the doctors agreed that it wasn't cerebral palsy and suggested that the family move to a state with better facilities than what they were able to provide. Shortly after that, the family moved back to Michigan.

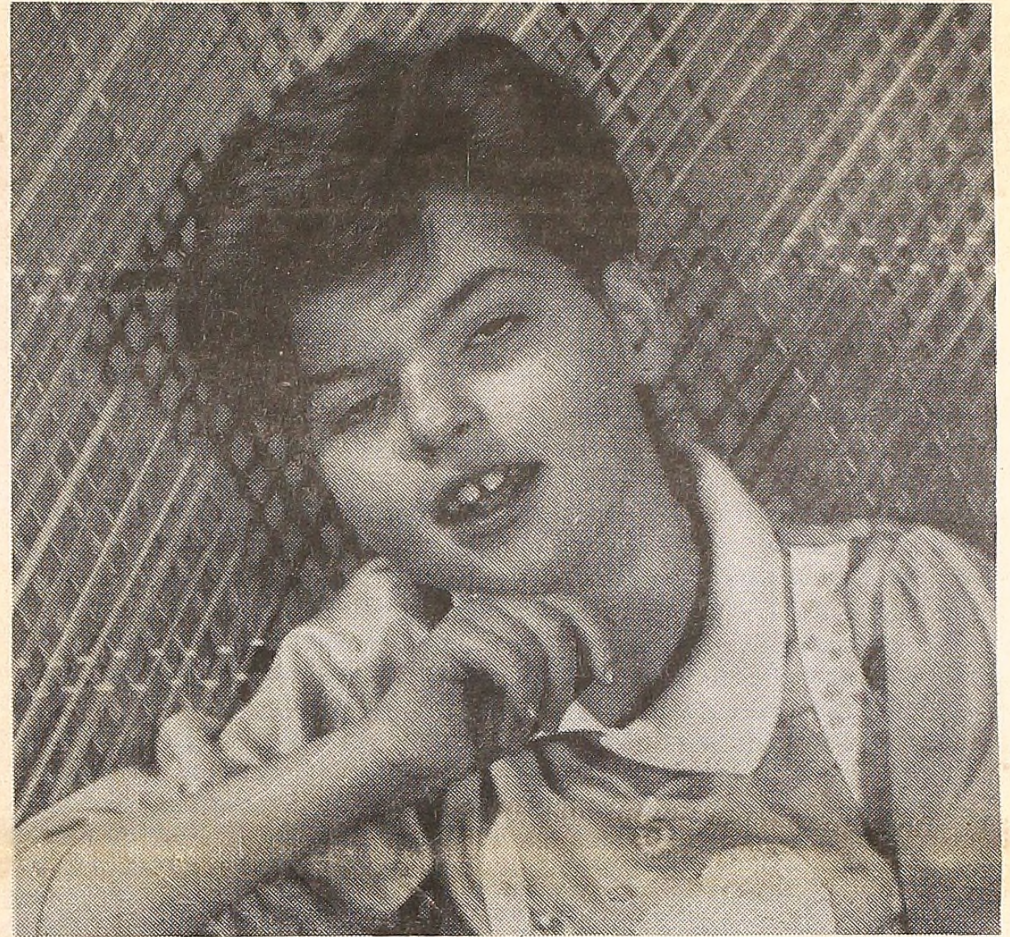
Jennifer, who is now raising the children on her own, took Lauren to Children's Hospital. She lucked upon a neurologist named Dr. Nigro, who specializes in a disorder known to strike young girls only. This condition, first described in 1965 by Dr. Andreas Rett, is found in only one of each 15,000 births. With odds that slim, it is indeed a coincidence that two of Lauren's classmates at Seitz School in Riverview also suffer from this same impairment.

School has been a godsend to the family. Not only does it relieve Jennifer and the boys, for a few hours, from the constant, watchful eye they must have on her at all times due to seizures and apnea spells, it allows Lauren the opportunity to receive physical therapy and to be surrounded by other children with similar needs. Music and hydrotherapy are used to help stimulate Rett children.

What causes Rett Syndrome? The answer is unknown. What doctors do believe, however, is that the X chromosome plays a role in the disorder. A breakthrough can only be found as research continues. Until then, one in 15,000 female infants stand a chance of developing this affliction which can have a number of symptoms, including an inability to crawl, autism-like behavior, severe to profound retardation, shakiness, teeth grinding, facial grimacing, scoliosis, constipation, seizures, breath-holding spells, repetitive hand movements, and slowing of head growth with age.

Not all girls display all of the above symptoms, and, with this disease not showing recognizable signs until six to 18 months of age, it is important for mothers to keep a written record of their child's growth and development. Such records can provide a physician with many answers if they are needed at a later time. "I highly suggest that every mother keep a journal on each of her children's progress," said Jennifer.

As we continued to talk, the other children began to peek in and help Mom answer a few questions. The youngest, *continued on page 2*



Lauren Baffy

Some Helpful Tips for Making Realistic Resolutions for 1992

By John Dubosh, M.A., psychotherapist at the Romulus Help Center

New Year's resolutions!

If you are like me, you have made enough of them to last a lifetime. "Promises are made to be broken," the old saying goes. Certainly our wisdom can attest to that. Without realizing it, our outlook toward the future and satisfaction with ourselves has been greatly reduced by January 15 – all because of a few broken promises, year after year.

There's hope. Don't make any promises to yourself that you won't be able to keep. The trap that most of us fall into is that we set unrealistic expectations for ourselves. We jump on the holiday bandwagon, expecting to make major lifestyle changes (because that's what most people do at this time of year) without asking, "Am I prepared to follow through with this until June?"

Losing weight, reducing our alcohol consumption, and quitting smoking are noble ideals. Successfully done, changes of this magnitude can improve our physical health, increase our emotional well-being, and make those around us more able to tolerate us.

But there is a downside to making changes for the better. Our so-called "bad habits" have taken years to develop,

and are so much a part of us that any resolution to change is bound to be difficult. The truth is that we have so little experience living our lives any differently that we simply do what comes naturally – even if it kills us.

That is why it is so important to practice goal-setting skills that are likely to result in behavioral change over time. Here are some tips.

- Resist the urge to do something immediately. Take some time to decide what you *really* want to change. Establish a realistic timetable. (Example: Lose two pounds per week for the next four weeks.) Remember: if it can't be measured, it won't get done.
- Identify who can help you change and/or how you can reward yourself for making progress. (Example: I'll ask my wife not to bring cookies home from the store to help me lose weight. I'll sleep in on Saturday or go to a concert if I lose five pounds.)
- Be kind to yourself. Say nice things like "I look good" frequently.
- Don't get discouraged about setbacks. Begin to change self-defeating attitudes by again trying the above three steps if a relapse occurs.
- Borrow the phrase from Alcoholics Anonymous: "One day at a time." □

Through Evelyn's Eyes

Thanks for Another Year of Support

By Evelyn H. Atkins

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And, of course, thanks go to our faithful writers, who volunteer their precious time to keep all of us informed about what's going on in our community and to give recognition to deserving residents who might not otherwise be acknowledged. Although it would not be possible to name everyone who contributes articles to *The Romulus News*, special thanks go to Fred Coleman, Ron Dubsy, Murray Duncan, Rick Schwartz, and Tom Shamanski – their "true-blue" support forms much of the backbone of this paper.

Finally, thanks go to all those "information sources" without which no news-



paper could survive. Again, there are many people who are there for us, answering last-minute questions over the telephone and calling in "hot tips," but special recognition goes to the following people: Mayor Beverly McAnally and her department heads and staff (especially Betsey and Hafeeza); City Clerk Linda Choate and her staff; Dr. William Bedell, Art McPharlin, Joel Carr, Doreen McEvilly, and Lorraine Wilkerson of the Romulus Community Schools; Marilyn Masters and Barbara Schultz of the Romulus Senior Center; Gayle Mach of the Romulus Recreation Center; Diane Hazen and Kim Potter of the Romulus Public Library; and Rick Schwartz of the Romulus Police Department.

"People helping people helping people" is a perfect example of how mutual support can enrich all of our lives. □

JAYCEES SEEK DONATIONS

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Jordan, sat on Jennifer's lap for a while before one of the boys took him to play. Ryan, Jennifer's oldest son, is a big help to Mom and Little Sis. He likes to watch TV and play video games. Christopher, who is 10, liked being interviewed and was excited when he found out that this article would be in a newspaper. "I help my mom a lot, especially when Lauren is sick," he said. Both boys help Jennifer maneuver the wheelchair up and down the steps, along with securing their sister into the car when they need to travel. They were quick to add that it is getting harder and harder now that Lauren is growing bigger and the weather is getting much colder. Christopher's statement was firm: "It's becoming very hazardous now that the winter is approaching!" A bus does provide daily transportation to and from school, which is a big help.

Jennifer is appreciative of the other sources of help in her life. Her parents, who live in Jackson, support her financially as much as they can. They have provided the necessities and treated the boys to a few luxuries that they would not have otherwise been able to afford. They financed Jennifer's mobile home and provided her with transportation: a four-door car. Someday, Jennifer hopes to be able to go to school and get a job; but, for now, leaving Lauren is just too hard. Not many people are comfortable with the responsibility of watching a child who needs so much attention. Emotional support has most recently come from her local church, Hope Baptist. "They have been wonderful," Jennifer said. Offers have come in to help build a wheelchair ramp if Jennifer can find a way to afford the materials. She is visibly overwhelmed when she talks about people who have helped her thus far.

Daily activities for this family have become second nature to them, but, to you or me, they would seem quite a struggle. Lauren recently had a feeding tube inserted into her body so that it can receive and retain much-needed nourishment. Jennifer also feeds her orally so that she can have the sensation of chewing food as well as obtain the fiber she needs to help eliminate her problems with digestion and constipation. Baths, dressing, and administering medication are also jobs that take time when handling

the bulk weight of someone with abnormal body movements. It's no doubt for this reason that Jennifer appears strong, yet gentle.

Lauren still suffers from grand-mal seizures that can occur at any time. This does not prohibit the family from going places – although Jennifer does admit that people can't help but stare at her daughter. Other children are often scared because they don't understand her condition and her sudden movements.

In a recent contest sponsored by the Detroit Institute for Children, a design created by Jennifer and Lauren took second place and was chosen for reproduction on this year's holiday cards. The cover features a multicolored montage of Lauren's handprints, created by Jennifer, who dipped her daughter's tiny hands into paint. The greeting is one from the heart. It reads, "Here's a Hand for the Holidays . . . filled with warm wishes for your good health and happiness this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year." Of the card, Jennifer said, "It's the best Christmas present I could've asked for!"

Before we left, Lauren, who lay in a fetal position on the couch, opened her eyes when Jennifer called out her name. She flashed a gorgeous smile when I teased that it sure looked like she loved her mama very, very much. When Jennifer picked her up, her daughter snuggled tightly against her chest. Mom embraced her in a protective hug, saying, "We love her so much. She's our little gold coin."

As she treasured the child, I treasured the whole experience. I went out the door wishing that I could fund the wheelchair project myself.

If you would like to donate money toward the Lauren Baffly WheelRamp Project, please send your dollars to: The Romulus Jaycees, P.O. Box 74084, Romulus, MI 48174-0084. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Romulus Jaycees. If you would like more information, call 291-9051.

Some people have already volunteered to help with construction once we provide the materials. If needed funds can be collected soon, and the weather will cooperate, maybe we can get this ramp built before the severe cold and predicted snowfall set in.

God bless all of you in 1992! □

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Shamanski's Person of the Year: The Romulus News

By Tom Shamanski

A business? . . . A newspaper? . . . This newspaper as Person of the Year? Sure; why not? *Time* magazine pioneered this concept several years ago when they nominated computers as their Person of the Year.

Let me give you a little background on how my new "award" came about. In even the best-run companies, glitches can still occur. We at *The Romulus News* have an exceptionally deserving person in mind for the Paper's annual Person of the Year honor—which is usually awarded in our last issue of the year—but, through a series of miscommunications, we were unable to feature that individual in this issue. (Be sure to see our January 14, 1992 edition!) I couldn't do the story I was assigned, so I decided to give out my own "award of recognition," instead.

Since I've been fortunate enough to be involved with *The Romulus News* for almost five years now, I'm taking several liberties in writing this piece. First of all, I haven't discussed this article with anyone else, especially with anyone at *The News*. Secondly, I've taken it upon myself to do both the nomination and selection duties. This may never see the light of day, so to speak . . . but I hope it does.

Naturally, when I say *The Romulus News* is my Person of the Year, I'm not referring to the newspaper itself. I'm speaking of the people who labor hard and furiously to bring this paper to you, the Romulus resident, every two weeks—and to bring it to you in the most professional manner possible.

I'm speaking of people who, because of the nature of "the little paper," must wait until the last possible moment to blend all of the Romulus-related news together. Consequently, these people are almost always working around the clock during the last two days before publication. Please understand, folks, I'm not speaking figuratively here; they go without sleep for two days and, oftentimes, two nights, in order to give you, the people of Romulus, the absolute best between the pages of *The News*.

I'm speaking of Evelyn H. Atkins, our editor and general manager, who, despite the tragic death of her husband Dave, has had the courage and tenacity to carry on with the publication of this newspaper. Dave Atkins, for those who may not know, was the founder of "the little paper," and the prime mover of its biweekly publication. When Dave suddenly died, there were many who sadly speculated that, undoubtedly, *The Romulus News* would suffer the same fate. Evelyn, however, had a vision and a purpose in keeping the Paper going and thriving. She would carry on for Dave, for the employees of *The News*, and for you. . . . And, as you can see, she has done a marvelous job. Personally speaking, there was never a time that I came by, even at the most hectic of times, that Evelyn wouldn't sit down and ask me how I was doing. You can be sure that we

are all lucky to have Evelyn Atkins sitting in the driver's seat of this newspaper.

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I'm also speaking of Kristi Stephens, our composer and editorial coordinator. As with Evelyn, without Kristi, *The Romulus News* would, indeed, fade into the past. But with Kristi as our composer, she plays and directs this newspaper like John Williams directs the Boston Symphony. She insists on ultimate professionalism in every aspect of the Paper . . . and, to the trained eye, the Paper plays as beautifully as any piece written by Bach. For example, I have read stories composed by Kristi that read extremely well and were easy and enjoyable for the average person to read. Then, I have seen the tattered and mangled "manuscript" from which she had to work. I certainly don't intend to demean any contributors to the Paper, but, in their rush to get information to *The News* at the last minute, the copy is often less than perfect, and it's truly miraculous that Kristi is able to compose her magic with these stories. Her dedication to this newspaper is truly extraordinary. It's Kristi who is punching away at her computer during those last long hours before deadline. In fact, she works so diligently at that time that she sometimes becomes ill after the paper is "put to bed." How many of us, I wonder, would put that kind of effort into our own jobs?

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Also, I'm speaking of Mary Clark—our classified representative as well as a columnist—who happens to be Evelyn's mother and Kristi's grandmother. With each issue, Mary keeps us up to date on what's happening with the City's senior citizens. It's also Mary who sits behind the reception desk, answering and directing phone calls as well as greeting—with an ear-to-ear smile—each person who walks into our offices. Without Mary, *The Romulus News* would be like a floppy-eared puppy without its mother.

Lisa Kreutzer is our second composer. Besides being an excellent worker, Lisa is young and pretty, and her energy gives us all a breath of fresh air.

Chris Barks, account executive and distribution manager, is a young man who is fast becoming an adept salesman for the Paper. Chris is the person to thank when you pick up your copy of "the little paper," as he piles all the copies in *The Romulus News* van and distributes them throughout the City. He's also extremely patient, to which I can attest, as he has shown me how to operate a 35mm camera at least 300 times.

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And so, taking yet another liberty—on behalf of the citizens of Romulus, I would like to thank Evelyn . . . and to thank Kristi . . . and to thank Mary and Lisa and Chris. You are, with no doubts, our Person of the Year—bound within the pages of *The Romulus News*.

Editor's note: Thanks, Tom, but you forgot someone! What would we do without you? □

The Lighter Slice

Old Spinach Jokes

By Tom Shamanski

My sister, Judy The Boss, is getting married. Her fiancé, who's name is Joe, is slowly becoming known as "Big Joe," as opposed to my Joe, who's five.

Anyway, Judy's of the age to have written fan letters to Mr. Ed. For much of that time, after she'd dated someone for the first time, I'd ask, "So, how about that guy?"

"Spinach."

"Huh?"

"He told me that, once, as a joke, he dangled some spinach out of his left nostril."

"When?" I asked.

"Twelve years ago."

"Oh. . . . Well, in that case . . ."

Of course, I then knew that another prospective brother-in-law had failed The Boss's scrutiny. But, then again, it's an easy thing to do; I do it daily.

In the long run, however, my sister's patient wait for her particular "Mr. Right" paid off . . . and in a big way. Big Joe is one very nice Joe; my kids and I like him a lot.

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"So, listen, you guys: What should we do to celebrate Aunt Judy and Big Joe getting married? Got any ideas, Joe?" I figured that this would have something to do with food; pizza, I hoped.

"Have Grams make a mashed-potato dinner, Daddy," replied Joe.

"With what else?"

"That's all. . . . But maybe a cake, too. Yeah, a cake, Daddy, so we can blow out some candles!" Ah, the wonderfulness of youth, when blowing out candles is a major life event! But, if we did the candles, I'd have to devise a way to beat out Joe in being the first to snuff out those babies.

"Gee, that sounds good, Joe. How about you, Meredith?"

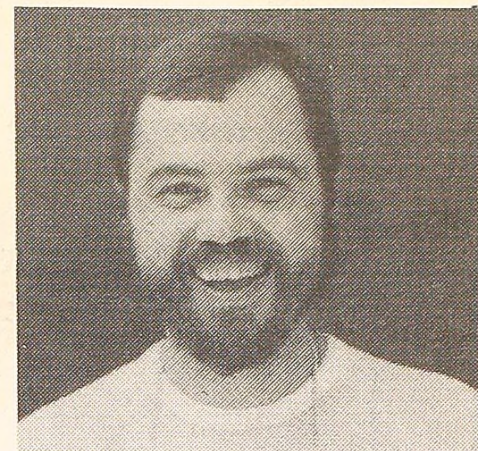
"Well, Dad, I've been thinking." I knew it; this meant trouble.

She continued: "Why don't we take them to dinner and have our Joe wait in the car so he won't . . . well, you know, Dad. So we don't have to leave another restaurant, okay?"

"That was on accident, Meredith!" Joe cried. "Wasn't it, Daddy? . . . Wasn't it?"

"Gosh, Joe, I didn't think that throwing clam chowder at the waitress was much of an accident. Neither was yelling to ask that lady if she'd washed her hands after using the rest room."

Then, mentally picturing a mashed-potato dinner, I said, "I think we'll go with the restaurant thing—but Joe goes, Meredith."



She rolled her eyes. "You'll be sorry—and I'm not kidding, Daddy!"

"Okay. Now, where should we go, guys?"

"McDonald's! McDonald's!" Rats! Still no pizza.

"That's good, but I was thinking about something a little nicer," I grinned.

"Oh, right," frowned Meredith. "You want to go to Lenny's again."

"That's Denny's, Meredith." You see, I feel that it's good to expose kids to a really nice restaurant occasionally, and, of course, stay under the four-dollar limit.

Then, an idea!

"Hey," I cried. "Why don't we have a surprise party at Lenny's . . . er, Denny's, for Trudy . . . er, Judy, and Big Joe? We'll have balloons and stuff in my car trunk, and I'll sneak out and get everything after dinner."

Meredith then assumed command, and, within 4.7 seconds, had laid out various jobs and responsibilities for us . . . alphabetized and color-coded. Meanwhile, Joe was leaning against the wall with arms folded tightly across his chest and his lower lip one inch from dropping under his shoe. His pout was in protest of the "restaurant" idea over the "mashed-potato dinner" idea. Soon, Meredith was explaining to Joe the history and social significance of picketing as a form of protest.

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The big day came, and, on our way to Denny's, Joe solemnly promised not to injure or maim anyone in the restaurant. Actually, he did pretty good—stomping on only one server's foot and hitting me once in the nose with a pea blown out of his straw. And, as hoped, the surprise party was a terrific success.

As we were about to leave, The Boss excused herself to go to the rest room. Big Joe and the kids and I were telling old spinach jokes when I spotted Judy emerging from the ladies' room.

"Hey, Joe," I whispered. "Here comes Aunt Judy. Do you think she washed her hands?" □

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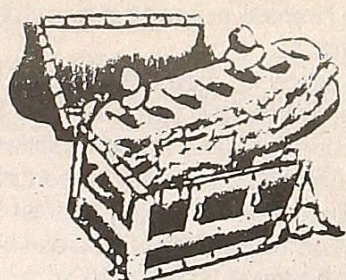
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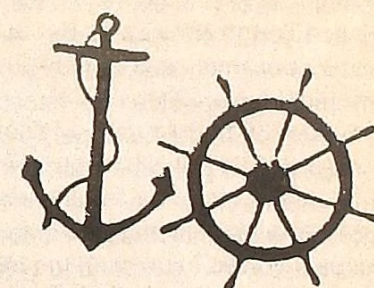
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January, 1992 Brings Michigan New Drunk-driving Laws

Thanks to James A. Kosteva, State Representative for the 37th District, for submitting the following information

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- create a new five-year felony for a conviction of drunk driving causing a long-term, incapacitating injury.
- create a new 15-year felony for a conviction of drunk driving causing the death of another person.
- increase the fine to \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a subsequent offense for a conviction of driving while a driver license is suspended or revoked.
- eliminate hardship appeals for habitual drunk drivers.
- require courts to decide drunk-driving cases within 77 days after an arrest.
- raise the reinstatement fee to \$125 if your driver license was suspended, revoked, or restricted.

There Are Tough New Laws Because:

- over 80% of Americans admit to driving after drinking alcohol.
- in 1990, 738 people died in alcohol-related accidents in Michigan—47.2% of Michigan's total traffic fatalities.
- about two in five Michigan residents will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.
- in the United States, of every 330 children born today, one will die and four will sustain serious or crippling injuries in an alcohol-related accident before they reach the age of 24.
- one out of every three people killed in alcohol-related crashes is not the drinking driver. These people are the victims of the drinking driver.

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...You may be stopped by a law-enforcement officer for suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

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take the PBT, you will be charged with a civil infraction and fined up to \$100 plus court costs. You may also be arrested.

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- Operating Under the Influence of Drugs (OUID): you were clearly affected by the presence of drugs.
- Operating with an Unlawful Blood Alcohol Level (UBAL): you had a blood alcohol level of 0.10% or more.


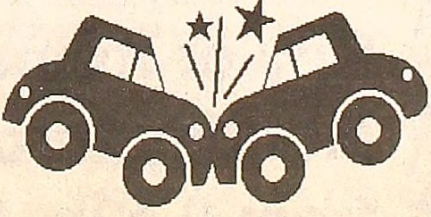
You May Be Convicted

- If you are convicted of drunk or impaired driving, the court may order time in jail, fines and costs, community service, alcohol treatment or education, or a combination of these penalties. See chart for penalties for each offense.

Remember

- Even one drink could impair your ability to drive and lead to your arrest. Select a designated driver ahead of time: someone who is not going to drink. Ask a friend for a ride, call a taxi, use public transportation, or seek other help.
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- Each of us must take responsibility not to drink and drive, nor allow others to drink and drive. □

Criminal and Licensing Penalties for OUIL, OUID, UBAL, and OWI

OUIL, OUID, UBAL	OWI
First Offense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 to \$500 Fine and/or • Up to 90 Days Jail and/or • Up to 45 Days Community Service • Driver-license Suspension (Six Months to Two Years; No Restricted License for First 30 Days) 	
Second Offense (Within Seven Years of a Prior OUIL/OUID/UBAL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and • 48 Hours to One Year Jail and/or • 10 to 90 Days Community Service • Driver-license Revocation 	First Offense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$300 Fine and/or • Up to 90 Days Jail and/or • Up to 45 Days Community Service • Driver-license Suspension (Three Months to One Year)
Third Offense (Within 10 Years of a Prior OUIL/OUID/UBAL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 to \$5,000 Fine and/or • One to Five Years Jail • Driver-license Revocation 	Second Offense (Within Seven Years of a Prior OWI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and • Up to One Year Jail and/or • 10 to 90 Days Community Service • Driver-license Suspension (Six Months to Two Years; No Restricted License for First 60 Days)
Accident Causing Long-term Incapacitating Injury (Felony) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 to \$5,000 Fine and/or • Up to Five Years Jail • Driver-license Revocation 	Third Offense (Within 10 Years of a Prior OWI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 to \$1,000 Fine and • Up to One Year Jail and/or • 10 to 90 Days Community Service • Driver-license Revocation
Accident Causing Death (Felony) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 to \$10,000 Fine and/or • Up to 15 Years Jail • Driver-license Revocation 	

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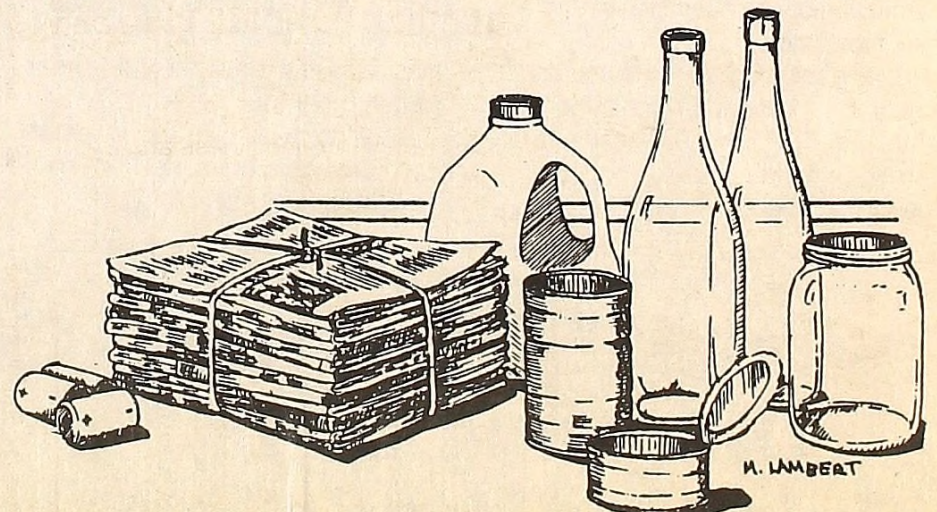
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Romulus High School Athletics

From the AD

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

The Romulus community and Romulus High School were once again dealt an unfair blow by the local media.

Let me assure you that, as an administrator at Romulus High School and a very concerned Romulus resident, in no way, shape, or form would I sit and ignore a "drug problem" in Romulus.

The so-called protest by 29 of our 1,200 students was both inappropriate and inaccurate, but the media will never do a rebroadcast of the "truth" about Romulus High School.

What bothers me most about this issue is that people who have not even taken the time to enter our building to see conditions for themselves just "assumed" that these students were either knowledgeable or truthful about these so-called incidents.

Even though I have worked and/or lived in Romulus for 23 years now, I would never go to the media and say that our mayor and city council are not doing their job until I have at least attended some meetings to determine that as truth. It's just too bad that, in this incident, some of our adult leaders in this community didn't first check with the school leaders before making their comments and "accusations."

Are there drugs in Romulus High School? Well, where in our society today are there not drugs?

Do we have a serious drug problem in our school or community? Yes! Alcohol! Community leaders, parents, party-store owners, and recent graduates should all take a good, hard look at this "serious" problem and ask themselves when was the last time they bought alcohol for a teen, or looked the other way for a teen to drink.

My purpose in writing this article is not to preach about alcohol, but if we are going to be accused of having a drug



problem, let's at least deal with the facts and then, as a community, take a hard stand against the real problem that exists among some of our teens.

What can a teen do in Romulus? If you were 17 and wanted to go out with your friends in town, what would you do and where would you go?

Let's stop placing blame and pointing fingers until we look at the "whole" picture, and just maybe, if the Community leaders would join forces to develop programs that would keep our youth off the streets at night and on weekends, we might be able to resolve a lot of our current problems as well as some of our potential problems.

Romulus High School is a great place to work and Romulus is a great place to live. Our students are the best in Wayne County, and many of our guests from other schools make that exact statement. Some make bad decisions, but to label the whole school as "in trouble" is totally unfair.

If you don't believe me, give me a call (941-3414) and come up and join us for a day or two. I'll gladly show you around, and then you can form your own opinion about Romulus High School and its student body. □

Volleyball off to Good Start

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

Varsity: 8-6 JV: 6-4

Coach Kim Rose just missed the final-four playoffs at the Taylor Invitational with her JV volleyballers, but used that experience to lead her squad into the playoffs at the Seventh Annual Romulus Christmas Invitational on Friday.

After victories over Belleville, Allen Park Cabrini, and Gibraltar Carlson, the Eagles moved into the semifinals against Tournament-favorite Lincoln Park.

Sophomores Kristin Bishop and Lisa Decker combined with freshmen Michelle Slawinski and Stephanie Vit to keep pace with the Railsplitters, but, in the end, the more experienced players from Lincoln Park were victorious. Lincoln Park went on to defeat Ladywood in the finals, and ex-Romulus resident Sherry Taylor was named MVP of the Tournament for Lincoln Park.

After finishing third in the Taylor Invitational, Coach Gail Coleman and the varsity Eagles advanced to the playoffs of the Romulus Invitational by defeating Carlson, Highland Park, and Oakland Catholic Central.

Seniors Heide Bussard, Sherry Rocha, and Jenny McClure combined

with junior Robyn Grishaber to lead the Eagles on their charge into the playoffs. Charmaine Smith and Colette Morton rotated in and out to assist in the preplayoff round-robin games, and their play was instrumental in getting the Eagles to the semifinals.

"We graduated six starters last year, and they spent most of the time on the floor," stated Coach Coleman. "These young ladies are learning more and more every game, and we are really playing well as a team. There is no better experience than game experience, and as the season goes on, this team is going to get much better."

In the semifinals, the Eagles faced Tournament-favorite Flint Central and, as predicted, Flint was very experienced and solid in their performance. Scores of 15-5 and 15-9 ended the day for the varsity Eagles, but Coach Coleman was very happy with her team's performance.

"Going into this season, I knew we had a lot of excellent talent, but it was just inexperienced on the varsity level. Our showing today was not outstanding by any means, but it sure showed a lot of improvement, and I am sure we are gaining confidence with each game we are playing." □

Basketball Team Shows Promise

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

Varsity: 1-4 JV: 3-2

Turnovers and mistakes have characterized the 1991-92 season thus far, but Coach Chris Molloy still feels that this group of players will eventually be as good of a team as he has had in his three years as head coach.

As expected, no one person has stood out in this season so far, and, if not for a good deal of hustle on defense, the team's record could be 0-5.

"We played some excellent basketball teams so far this season," stated Molloy, "but our own mistakes have cost us more than the other teams have."

The Eagles return to competition on Friday, January 3, at Highland Park, and then travel to New Boston Huron on Wednesday, January 8.

First-year coach Mike Kowalski saw his JV Eagles win the Christmas Invitational with a decisive victory over Lincoln Park in the finals.

Keith Parks, Lajuan Wilson, and Skip Luster are leading the young Eagles thus far, but Coach Kowalski is getting all players into each game. He sums up this season's record so far as "a total team effort," adding, "These young men are working very hard, and it appears that the future of Romulus Basketball is very bright." □

Player Shortage Hurts Wrestling

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

Record: 1-4

"We have some excellent wrestlers on this year's team, but it has really been hurting us to have to give so many points away on voids," stated Coach Norman Butler. "We just have to work on getting more people involved in our program at the heavier weights."

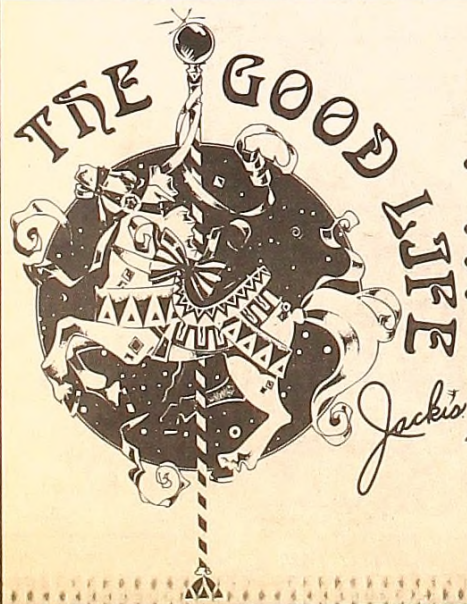
Dale Gehringer and Mike Scully are leading this year's team, and both appear to be on their way back to the State meet in Battle Creek once again.

Joining Dale and Mike in having ex-

cellent seasons are Rob Graham, Brian McNett, Jason Fabrizio, Leroy Prince, Jason Drouillard, Joel Elam, and Bret Smith. Injuries have been sustained by Felton Bush and Jon Sylvester, but both hope to return to competition soon.

The wrestlers take to the mat on Saturday, January 4, at Brother Rice, before returning home on January 8 to host Adrian and Monroe.

Wrestling fans won't want to miss the Junior High Wrestling Invitational on Saturday, January 18, and the Romulus Royal Invitational on Saturday, January 25 (both at RHS at 10 a.m.). □



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Sheila McGinnis, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member; and Mary Butz, Senior Center Director for Huron Township, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Help with Homestead Property Tax Credit Forms

Again this year, City Treasurer Jim Napiorkowski will be helping Romulus seniors fill out their Homestead Property Tax Credit forms. To make an appointment to see him in his office, please call 942-7580.

Senior Citizen Services

The Romulus Help Center (a division of Matrix Associates, Inc.), in an effort to help seniors continue to live independently in their homes, provides a variety of home repair, personal care, and home-making services for the elderly. For more information about these services—which include minor carpentry and electrical work; plumbing repairs; assistance with bathing, dressing, and personal grooming; house cleaning; and laundry services—call 942-7586.

Prescription Drug Program

Many elderly people live on limited incomes and are financially unable to purchase essential drugs, medical supplies, and equipment. The Wayne County Office on Aging serves as a distribution center for World Medical Relief prescription and drug service to the elderly.

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- be 62 years of age or older;
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- have documented proof of all income (Social Security, pensions, etc.);
- have a letter from his/her bank showing the current balance in checking and/or savings accounts, and stating that he/she has no other accounts;
- have a copy of his/her 1990 or 1991 income tax return, homestead tax form, and home heating tax form (if filed); and
- not be a Medicaid recipient.

For more information, contact Laura Downing at 467-3448.

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be January 6. Call 942-6852 for information.

BINGO!

Is 1992 going to be your lucky year? Play BINGO by McDonald's at the Senior Center on Wednesday, January 8, and find out! Games begin at 1 p.m.

Southland Shopping

For a transportation fee of only \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's

Senior Van to Southland Mall for a day of shopping fun on Friday, January 3. Sign up at the Center if you're interested.

Munch/Movie

Ride the Senior Van for lunch and a movie (*Father of the Bride*, rated PG) on Friday, January 10. The cost of transportation is \$1.50. Sign up at the Center.

Progressive Dinner

A few tickets are still available for the Progressive Dinner set for Friday, January 17. A cost of \$8 covers transportation, hors d'oeuvres in Allen Park, dinner in Woodhaven, and dessert and dancing in Wyandotte. Sign up at the Center by Friday, January 10.

Special Trips

Sweetheart Special—Seniors can celebrate Valentine's Day a little early with this one-day trip featuring traditional treats of candy and flowers. A \$29.50 fee for the February 6 trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a tour and "tasting" at the Morley Candy Factory, a sweetheart buffet luncheon at the St. Clair Inn overlooking the river, a flower-arranging demonstration and visit to the Mary Maxim store, and more. For information, call Marilyn Masters (942-6852).

Medieval Times—Seniors! Travel to the Chicago area for a taste of what life was like during medieval times. Dine at a sumptuous feast where you'll see spectacular pageantry, romance, sorcery, dramatic horsemanship, falconry, dangerous swordplay, and an authentic jousting tournament. The \$139 cost (based on double-occupancy rate) of this two-day/one-night trip, which departs February 26, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, the medieval feast and entertainment, one night's lodging, an expanded Continental breakfast, a surprise stop, and a tour of the Cook Nuclear Energy Center. Call Marilyn (942-6852) for more information.

Lunch at the Senior Center

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. (For information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454.)

News from the Huron Senior Center

All senior citizens (age 55 and older), regardless of their place of residence, are welcome to attend the Huron Senior Center's classes, trips, and other special events. Call 782-5190 for information.

Classes—The following classes are offered at no charge except for the cost of supplies: oil painting (Mondays, 9 to 11:30 a.m.), quilting (Tuesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m.), and arts & crafts (Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.).

Pinochle—If you just love to play pinochle, you can join other devotees at the Huron Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on the first, second, and fourth Monday of the month for fun, prizes, & refreshments!

Hot Lunch—Seniors can enjoy a hot lunch at the Huron Center every weekday at 11:45 a.m. Call 782-5190 at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. □

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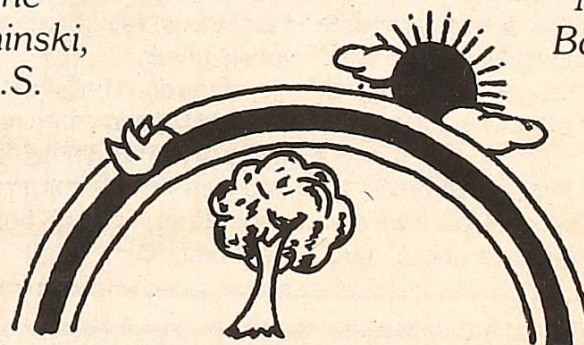
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Recreation News

Many thanks to the Romulus Recreation Department's program coordinator, Tina Bertschinger, and staff member, Gayle Mach, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column.

Young Men's Basketball League

A three-on-three basketball league for young men (ages 18 to 30) is now being formed. Teams will consist of four people each, playing a 20-game schedule of two games per evening. A \$60 per-team fee will include trophies and more. Games will begin January 9. For more information, call 942-6852.

Aerobics Classes

Get that heart pumping and that body firmed in no time with low-impact aerobics, a combination of muscle isolations and cardiovascular conditioning. No prior aerobics experience is necessary.

Choose between 10-week sessions of two nights per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.) for \$49, or one night a week for \$30. All classes to be held at the Junior High. Preregistration is required no later than Friday, January 3. Classes start Tuesday, January 7.

Note: Everyone under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.

Youth After-school Program

Beginning January 20 and continuing through March 20, the Romulus Rec-

reation Department will be teaching the fundamentals of basketball to elementary students in grades three through six. Third and fourth graders will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays; fifth and sixth graders will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each school will have its own program and staff. The fee is \$10 per session for an individual; a family plan allows each additional youngster from the same family to pay only \$5 more. Fees include instruction and supervision by trained staff, plus transportation home.

Register at the Recreation office.

Drop-in Volleyball

The Recreation Department's Drop-in Volleyball Program costs \$2 per evening. The program is held every Monday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Junior High School. No preregistration is required.

Quilting Classes

Quilters of all skill levels are invited to participate in weekly quilting classes, held every Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Both hand and machine quilting will be taught. The cost is \$1 per evening; preregistration is not required.

Ceramics Classes

For a fee of only \$1 per class, Romulus residents can attend ceramics classes at the Recreation Center every Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. □

Keep Weighty Resolutions with Help from Weight Watchers

Thanks to Kathy Kowal for contributing the following information from Weight Watchers.

Every year, on January 1, countless Americans resolve to lose weight. Every year, by February 1, many of these resolutions are already history.

Why the high failure rate? According to Florine Mark, area director of Weight Watchers, "After New Year's Day, many people make the mistake of 'going on a diet.' During the post-holiday letdown, a 'diet' that makes you feel deprived stands little chance for success. In fact, the best choice to make, for weight loss and good health, may be to not go on such a 'diet' at all this year."

Accumulating scientific evidence shows that the best way to lose weight is also the best way to stay healthy. "There is strong evidence that weight fluctuation — the so-called 'yo-yo' diet syndrome — may, in itself, be unhealthy," explains Dr. Marilyn Schorin, Manager, Nutrition Services, Weight Watchers. "The wisest way to lose weight is to choose a program that allows you to lose the weight gradually and steadily, that counsels you on how to change unhealthy and defeating habits, and that teaches you the basics of healthy eating in a sensible way you can live with permanently."

To keep your resolve this year, start on the right track. For the best chance of long-term success, experts recommend a weight-loss program that is nutrition-

ally sound, that fits into your life-style, that includes an exercise plan, and that teaches you how to change bad habits.

To increase your chances for success in 1992, Dr. Schorin offers this advice on what *not* to give up this new year.

- Don't give up meals. Meal-skipping makes you hungry and weakens good intentions. It's the quickest way to go off your program. Instead, plan on three meals each day, plus snacks. By spreading calories throughout the day, you'll find it easier to control your eating.
- Don't give up favorite foods. If a food tastes particularly good to you, it's okay to enjoy it — your goal is merely to eat less of it. If you allow yourself an occasional brownie or ice-cream cone, these foods stand less chance of becoming a focus for food cravings.
- Don't give up exercise. It is difficult to take off weight and keep it off by diet alone. Moderate, enjoyable exercise can make the difference between success and failure.
- Don't try to give up your excess pounds too quickly. As gratifying as rapid weight loss may be initially, experts agree it can be unhealthy and lead to an equally rapid gain. Make a long-term commitment to weight control and good health with a steady weight loss of no more than one to two pounds a week. Next new year, there'll be a slimmer and healthier you! □

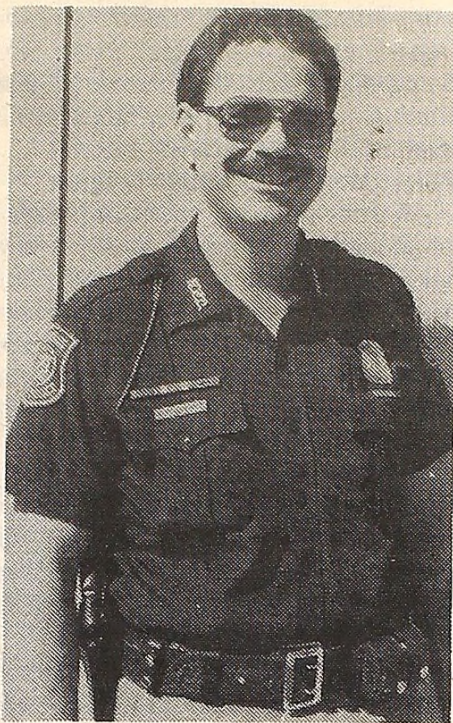
The Traffic Stop

By Officer Rick Schwartz, Romulus Police Department

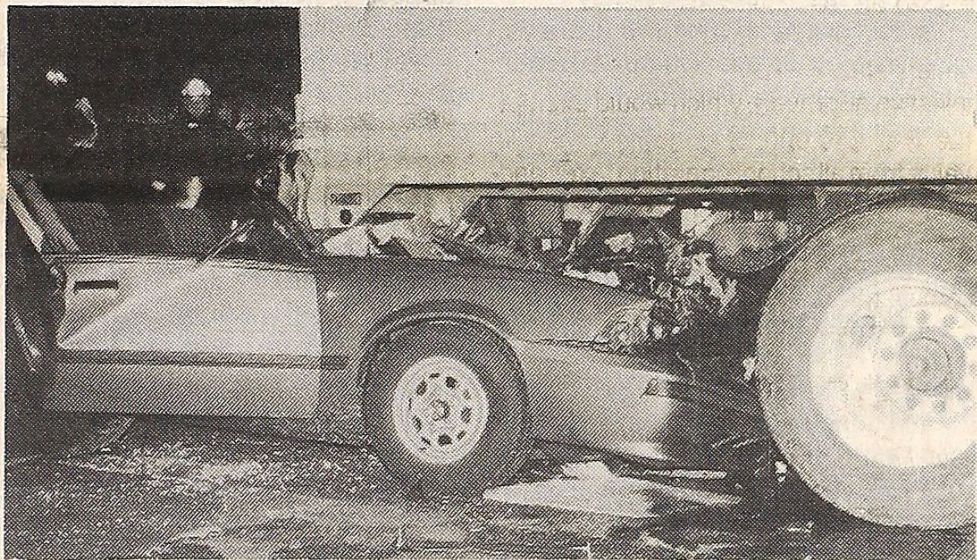
I'm happy to report that, as of this writing, traffic fatalities are down considerably from our record year of 1990. Eight people lost their lives compared to the 18 of 1990. This year, three bicyclists, one pedestrian, three motorists, and one passenger in a motor vehicle were killed. Out of these, only one was alcohol-related.

Romulus police officers are investigating an average of 4.7 accidents a day. If this average continues, we should end up with approximately 1,730 crash investigations this year, or about 200 less than 1990. Let's hope this downward trend continues.

The State is implementing a new traffic-accident reporting form starting January 1, 1992. This new, modern form replaces the one that has been used for 20 years. This new form will be computer-scannable, allowing vital information to be obtained faster for traffic-safety improvements.



The new drunk-driving laws take effect on January 1, 1992, so remember: "Think when you drink" and have a Safe and Happy New Year. □



Yoga: Head to Pose

Yoga Questions and Answers

By Babsi Reigler, CYI

During my years as a Yoga instructor, my students have asked me numerous questions concerning Yoga. There are, however, a few questions that are asked repeatedly. In this article, I will address a few of these most-often-asked questions.

Q: I have a physical disability. Is it still possible to practice Yoga?

A: Absolutely. There are modified versions of every Yoga pose. A disabled person needs only to contact a certified Yoga instructor. The instructor, after analyzing the disability, will be able to modify, and make easier, all poses or just those poses that will specifically help the disabled person. As always, it is best to consult with your doctor before embarking on any exercise program.

Q: I seem to hear and read about Yoga more and more. Is this something new?

A: Yoga has been around for some 5,000 years. In a November 1991 article entitled "Yoga: A Concise Overview," which was written for the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, Tetshin Liddy states that the earliest written records pertaining to those who practice Yoga refer to these Yogis by the word "sramana," which means forest dweller or forest wanderer. Artifacts detailing figures sitting in a lotus position have been found, and some of these artifacts seem to date back to 3,000 BC. It is generally believed that the Yogis of that time were the intellectuals who had had enough of the city life and the caste system, and left to find something more meaningful. By living in the forest instead of the city, wrote Liddy, they became more aware of how nature worked. They watched nature very closely and observed how plants and animals lived and grew. They especially learned how animals took care of themselves and what they did when they were sick. Soon, they applied what they learned to their personal lives. That is why, even today, various Yoga poses are named after animals, Liddy concluded.

In our country, during the "hippie age" (generally defined as the 1960s), Yoga enjoyed a revival that was more of a "fad" than anything permanent. Now, it is being revived again; however, this current revival has a sense of permanence.

Dr. Dean Ornish, a California heart specialist, is leading the way in incorporating Yoga into a regularly prescribed rehabilitation program. Yogi Bikram Choudhury, 45, who operates the Yoga College of India in Beverly Hills, says that most people come to him out of curiosity, or in a last-chance attempt to find a cure for a disabling physical or emotional problem. However, he says, they stay with him because of the tremendous benefits Yoga produces. Some of his more famous students include Brooke Shields, Lauren Hutton, Richard Chamberlain, Joan Van Ark, Donna Mills, Tom Smothers, Jill St. John, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Raquel Welch. Welch, who has been practicing Yoga for more than 12 years now, came to Yogi Choudhury in desperation. She studied with him every day for eight months; now, Yoga has become a major part of her life.

As for everyday people like you and me, the vast majority of regular Yoga practitioners stick to simple, straightforward stretches, and practice Yoga for the simple reason that they like what it does for the body, mind, and spirit.

Q: My job is very stressful; therefore, I've become a daily runner. The running definitely helps to alleviate the stress, but, after running, my muscles feel very tight. Can Yoga help?

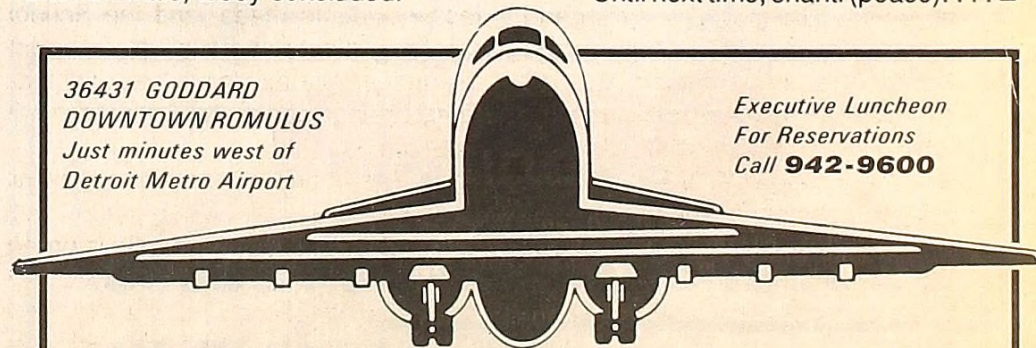
A: Yes, it can; Yoga is the ideal complementary exercise for any cardiovascular workout such as running, walking, biking, or any other activity that will tighten up the muscles. This is because Yoga trains the involved muscles to stretch. It also enhances muscular flexibility and thereby relieves the tightness.

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Teen Talk: Health

By Kathleen Conway, Director, Romulus Adolescent Health Center

On Monday, December 16, a group of high-school students staged a protest in front of the High School. They claimed there were many students dealing and doing drugs in the School, and that their efforts to alert the School Administration to the problem were ignored. The students called the local television stations. Many of the TV news reports portrayed Romulus High School as a place where drugs were rampant and students weren't safe.

Informal discussions with students inside the school showed them divided on this issue. Some say there's a problem; some say there isn't. Student leaders have met to discuss the issue and determine what, if any, response they would like to make to the demonstration.

Certainly, parents and community members are asking what exactly is the extent of the problem. Nationally, use of cocaine and other so-called hard drugs has declined somewhat among the adolescent population, while the use of alcohol and marijuana has stayed the same or increased. When the Health Center was being planned, our surveys of Romulus junior-high and high-school students showed that 26% of high-school students reported using marijuana once a week or more often. In terms of other drugs, 1.4% of junior-high students and 8.6% of high-school students claim that they take acid or LSD at least monthly, nearly half of those at least once a week; and 6.4% said that they use cocaine at least monthly, at least half of them saying that they do so weekly.

But just what is the School District doing to address this problem with our young people? First, it should be said that the High School and the District are committed to providing a quality education to Romulus young people in a safe environment. To that end, the High School has implemented or strongly supported a number of programs to provide supportive services to the students.

- The Health Center has, on staff, a substance-abuse counselor, a mental-health counselor, a physician, and a physician assistant. In addition, the Center has implemented support groups on a variety of teen issues and will be sponsoring an art mural project with the Romulus Arts Council concerning substance abuse, and our counselors provide individual counseling to students and families as well.
- Seven security officers patrol the High School.
- The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at Romulus High School, with a police-officer instructor, is one of only two such high-school-level drug education programs in the State.
- The Intervention Teams at both the Junior High and High School bring together staff to attempt to intervene with a student and provide help, hope,

fully before a problem escalates.

- A chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), with a police officer advisor, is active at the High School.
- Positive Peer Influence, a credit class, teaches students how to help others resolve their conflicts peacefully.
- Leadership classes and leadership camps are offered.
- There is an Adolescent Outlook class for ninth graders.
- Counselors, administrators, and a Youth Officer try to work with the students to provide a healthy learning environment.
- Health classes focus on issues related to adolescents and provide information and discussion.
- Operation Jump Start, a two-week workshop held this past summer at the High School, sought to give students a head start on the school year academically and to provide support on adolescent issues.
- The High School and Health Center have been chosen to participate in Parent Alliances for Student Services through Wayne State University. As one of seven school districts in the State chosen, Romulus will attempt to develop strategies to address substance abuse and dropout prevention, and increase parent involvement.
- Romulus is also part of a consortium of Wayne County school districts which has applied, through the Intermediate School District, for a Federal substance-abuse-prevention program grant.

Statistics from the High School show that, to date this school year, seven students have been referred for substance abuse. During the 1990-91 school year, six students had been referred for substance abuse, and four were referred during the 1989-90 school year.

Even though the School District has implemented or planned a number of programs to address the problems of substance abuse with adolescents, this does not mean that the message of the protesters is being ignored. Everyone must take seriously such a claim as these students made, and the School must investigate and attempt to correct the problem if their claims are validated. That is being done by the School and will continue.

It is not, however, something that our schools can do alone. Strong involvement by parents and the community is urged to support those efforts being coordinated through the Schools or the City.

If you would like to discuss this further, it would be helpful to call the High School principal, Thomas Dolan, or to call the Health Center and get involved.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center is located in Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road. The Center serves Romulus residents — students and nonstudents — between the ages of 10 and 21. Children to age five can receive immunizations. Blue Cross, Medi-

Lansing Update

All information submitted by Lewis N. Dodak, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives

House Speaker Lewis N. Dodak (D-Birch Run Area) and Representative H. Lynn Jondahl (D-Okemos), Chair of the House Taxation Committee, recently announced that 278,561 ballot proposal signatures collected by the Michigan Homeowners Tax Break Committee have been submitted to the Secretary of State, which will place the initiative to lower property taxes before voters in the 1992 general election.

"We're very pleased to say that we are on track with our ballot proposal to implement the \$1.1-billion House Democratic Property Tax Cut Plan, which would provide fully funded, immediate property-tax relief for Michigan's middle-income homeowners," said Dodak.

"This is the final part of the House Democrats' three-step plan. It follows the freeze in assessment levels for this year, and goes along with the constitutional amendment we have already placed on the 1992 ballot to link future assessment increases to the rate of inflation. Now we have to work to get this initiative approved, which would exempt the first \$30,000 of a home's market value from all school operating taxes and close some corporate and business tax loopholes to fund the relief.

"By maximizing relief for middle-income families, our plan would keep hun-

dreds of additional dollars in most Michigan household budgets immediately and in the years ahead," Dodak added, "putting more money into our state's local economies and small businesses, which are creating most of the good jobs in our economy today."

He continued, "Not only would our plan permanently lower property taxes for homeowners, but, because it is fully funded, there would be no loss of revenue for local schools or State programs such as public and mental health, transportation, or economic development. □

Happy 3rd Birthday Kayla Gail Skiver



Frog Dissection at St. Aloysius

By Therese Witherow and Nicholas Hargress

On the eighteenth and nineteenth of November, the seventh- and eighth-grade class of St. Aloysius School dissected bullfrogs.

We learned the meaning for dissection, which is the refined methods of seeking, exposing, identifying, and studying the internal anatomy. We also learned that the bullfrog's internal body organs are very similar to the human's body organs.

The dissection took us two days, in which we cut open the frog's mid-abdominal region. When cutting open the bullfrog, the formaldehyde had an odor to it

which gave some of us upset stomachs. We located the heart, lungs, liver, gall bladder, esophagus, stomach, large and small intestine, cloaca, spleen, and brain. When cutting open the stomach, we found a beetle, crayfish, and a few shiner fish. Many people found it disgusting when we got to the large intestine because there was digested food inside of it. Finally, we went to discover the brain, which was not as hard as we thought it would be. We discovered that the brain was very similar to the inside of a walnut.

We would like to thank our science teacher, Ms. Confer, who ordered the bullfrogs for us and put up with us while dissecting. □

caid, and private insurances are accepted. Fees are affordable and vary according to the patient's ability to pay. No one is denied services if unable to pay. Appointments are usually necessary; some walk-ins are accepted. Parents must sign a consent form for their child to be seen at the Center. Call 941-1400 for appointments or information.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. Meetings are held at the High School and are open to the public. □

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The Stork Arrived

Kyle James Linderman

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Kyle James, are Randy and Donna (Younts) Linderman of Romulus.

Kyle was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne) on Saturday, December 7, 1991, at 10:06 a.m. He weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and measured 19 1/4 inches in length.

He has two big brothers: Jason, age

seven, and Jeremy, age five.

Kyle is the eleventh grandchild of his Grandpa and Grandma Linderman (Karl and Shirley of Romulus) and the third grandchild of his Grandpa and Grandma Younts (Jerry and Shirley of Belleville).

His grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins would like to say hello to the new member of the family. □

Anthony Allen Toth

Anthony Allen Toth – the first child of Romulus residents Angelique Graham and Jeff Toth, was born in Beyer Hospital on Wednesday, December 11, 1991, at 2:28 a.m. He weighed eight pounds and eight ounces, and measured 20 3/4 inches.

Anthony's proud maternal grandparents are Harold F. Graham (Inkster) and Josephine and Mike Crockett (Newton

Falls, OH). His maternal great-grandparents are Harold Graham (Livonia) and Josephine and Milton Steffke (Garden City). Karl Toth (Garden City) and Bob and Angelann Waston (Westland) are Anthony's proud paternal grandparents. Helen Toth and Martha Peters (both of Romulus) are his paternal great-grandparents. □

Evan Michael Yocum

Steve and Cindy Yocum of Wyandotte are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Evan Michael.

Evan was born in Riverside Hospital (Trenton) on Wednesday, December 11,

1991, at 12:42 p.m., weighing in at eight pounds and 11 ounces, and measuring 21 1/2 inches.

Evan's maternal grandparents are Bob and Judy Yandura of Romulus. □

Romulus Jaycees Adopt a Family for Christmas

By Sharon Shank, Director, Romulus Jaycees

Throughout this past year, the Romulus Jaycees sponsored various functions and secured funds from other donating sources in order to present gifts to a local family who could not afford the luxury of a festive Christmas. We diligently worked to see this project through to its success, and felt the reward of true Christmas spirit when we came face to face with our "adopted family" on Sunday, December 22.

This family, who has been plagued by poor health and hard times, greatly appreciated the clothes, shoes, toys, and gift certificate that "Santa's little elves" presented to them.

As Ron Wenzel, our president, put it, "We acknowledge the community for supporting our fund-raising events. Without their help, this could not have taken place. It's what the Jaycees are all about, and every one of us are proud to be involved." □

Happy Birthday

Nikki (Lou)

Happy Second Birthday,
Darlin'

With Love From:
Mom, Dad, John, Jesse,
and Buddy



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If you are a resident of Romulus, The Romulus News will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, The Romulus News will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Place _____

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City _____ State _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Computer Linkage Speeds Registration

For fastest service, students registering for winter classes at Wayne County Community College (WCCC) from January 8 through January 18 are encouraged to go to the Western Campus on Haggerty Road in Belleville, where lines traditionally are shorter than at the college's other four campuses.

Unlike in years past, when students could only register on the campus at which their class was offered, WCCC students now may register for any class at any campus.

That's possible because of a computer system which links all five WCCC campuses and the Administration Building in an efficient, high-tech communications network designed to grow with the college. It integrated a group of separate, extremely expensive computer systems into one seamless electronic network.

One result is faster registration, since faculty and administrators now are able to gain easy access to all student information from their own personal computer or terminal on the network.

"We are now using our terminals and personal computers like telephones: from one device we can do it all," explained Ernest Retland, technical director of WCCC's Management Information Ser-

vices Department.

During the heaviest hours of registration, usually in the morning and following lunch, communication has been made easier because of an increase in data and voice capacity that the network provides between campuses.

Students may gain access to the system for a broad range of training options via any personal computer or terminal on or off the campus. Retland said that the system has the capability of enabling students to unplug their telephone lines, plug in a modem, and gain access to information and programs on the WCCC-ISN (Information Systems Network) right from their homes.

WCCC's network links computers, terminals, and a variety of electronic equipment into one "open architecture" system.

Since its installation in 1990, the \$800,000 network has saved the college approximately \$180,000 yearly in maintenance and billing costs. Enabling students and employees to share hardware and software has also cut costs.

Said Retland, "This network brings leading-edge computer technology to WCCC and provides a technical infrastructure that will have far-reaching ef-

12 New Year's Resolutions to Healthier Finances in 1992

Most people start off the new year with lots of good resolutions — and a drawer full of bills. Along with those promises to lose 10 pounds, quit smoking, and exercise regularly, focus on a health plan for your finances this year as well!

Michael Kelly of the Michigan Credit Union League suggests 12 New Year's resolutions that will put you on the path toward better financial health.

Resolve To

- Get a handle on your finances. Don't let them become unmanageable and end up controlling you.
- Develop a balance sheet. List your assets (what you own or are purchasing overtime) and your liabilities (what you owe on accounts that are not yet paid in full). This will help you assess your financial situation.
- Set short-term and long-term goals for yourself and your family.
- Involve your spouse and children in the planning to gain their cooperation and support.
- Write down your financial goals and set up an annual budget — putting it down on paper commits you to a new plan of action for 1992.

- Analyze your saving and spending habits and shape them to advance your goals.
- Pay yourself first. Save a certain amount or percentage of each paycheck and add the money to your nest egg regularly.
- Reduce interest expenses by paying off short-term, high-interest debt.
- Switch to a lower-interest, low-fee credit card and plan to pay the full balance owed each month.
- Shop around for a financial institution, such as a credit union, that offers lower service fees and higher returns on savings.
- Compare prices and quality before you buy.
- Ask your credit union or bank how you can get free financial counseling if you're swamped with debt.

The Michigan Credit Union League has a free brochure and budget sheet to help you take control of your spending and saving. To receive this brochure, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Budget Blueprint, Michigan Credit Union League Public Information, P.O. Box 5210, Detroit, Michigan 48235. □

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Marble or Mud

By Felix A. Lorenz Jr., chaplain, Wayne County Sheriff Department

I once had a beautiful vase that I bought at an auction. It looked like marble to me.

Dusting the table one day, I knocked it to the floor. As I picked up the pieces, I found that it was not marble at all, just clay overlaid with heavy plastic of some sort. Perhaps you know more than I about such things, and would not have been "taken in" so easily.

Personally, I like clay vases. Some of them are shaped and painted very beautifully. But I don't like vases, or people, to look like one thing on the outside and turn out to be something quite different on the inside.

Be yourself. You are what you are, and you need not be like anyone else.

Reputation is what folks think you are. Character is what you *really* are.

Marble or mud — be what you are.

Think it over. . . □

Obituaries

Cordell Brown

Romulus resident Cordell Brown died on Sunday, December 15, 1991, at the age of 75.

Cordell was born in Moss, Tennessee, on April 22, 1916. He had been employed as a truck driver by Wenham Transportation, and was an active member of the Romulus Senior Citizen Bowling League.

The beloved husband of Maude F. (Evitts) Brown, Cordell is also survived by three sons, William "Rusty" R. Brown (Van Buren Township), Lonnie A. Brown (Celina, TN), and David L. Brown (Romulus); four daughters, Mrs. Phillip (Anna) Strong (Moss, TN), Mrs. Micky (Nelda

R.) Clements (Red Boiling, TN), Mrs. Eugene (Daisy) Renodin (Moss, TN), and Mrs. Calvin (Nettie L.) Cart (Romulus); one brother, Samuel T. Brown (Celina, TN); three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Crowder (Moss, TN), Mrs. Williet Pedigo (Moss, TN), and Mrs. Vanes (Lilley) Eads (Moss, TN); 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by eight brothers.

Funeral services were held December 18 at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with Pastor Wayne Jacobs (Stoney Creek Freewill Baptist Church) officiating. Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment. □

Gary R. Meyer

Gary R. Meyer of Romulus died December 18, 1991, at the age of 50.

A laborer employed by Wayne County, Gary was born in Wayne, Michigan, on August 28, 1941.

Gary, the dear father of Mrs. Christopher (Debra) Nagle and Mrs. Daniel (Denice) Smith (both of Taylor), is also survived by his mother, Violet F. (Walters) Meyer (Romulus); three brothers, Lloyd

B. Meyer (Romulus), Bennet L. Meyer II (Romulus), and Walter H. Meyer (Wayne); and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 21 at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with Reverend J.D. Landis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. West Mound Cemetery (Taylor) was the site of interment. □

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METRO AIRPORT AREA APARTMENTS Newly Decorated, Large Garden Type, 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments Deluxe Carpet & Appliances Casablanca Fans Security System 2 Swimming Pools FREE HEAT NO SECURITY DEPOSIT OPEN 7 DAYS OLYMPIA VILLAGE APT. Furnished Apartments Also Available	TUTOR Patient, pleasant undergraduate will tutor K-8 students in math, English, and reading. Call 942-0315 evenings.	WANTED DEAD or ALIVE CARS and TRUCKS ANY SIZE or SHAPE Will Tow Away FREE Must Have Title 397-1529	WALKING CLUB The Romulus Rovers Walking Club is now walking indoors two evenings a week (Mon. & Wed.). For membership & location information, Call 941-2215	CHAMBER LUNCHEON Come hear renowned financial planner, radio and TV personality Monte Korn and Detroit News columnist Pete Waldmeir at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at 12 p.m. on February 18 at the Royce Hotel. Donation \$10.00 per person. Tickets are to be paid in advance to the Chamber Office at 31200 Industrial Expressway by February 15. Guests welcomed. For more information, Call 326-4290	OLD SPORTS ITEMS Advanced collector will pay cash for autographed pictures, autographed baseballs, autographed footballs, letters, documents, or any other sports-related memorabilia. Items related to Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, old Detroit Tigers, or old Negro League Baseball are primary collecting interest. Call 282-3186
FOR RENT Good retail, office, or storage. 8,000 sq. ft. w/overhead doors. Will remodel to suit. Call 941-1616	MISC. FOR SALE ATTENTION MINOLTA MAXXUM OWNERS 400 mm sigma 5.6 auto-focus lens with U.V. filter and case. Used twice. New \$300.00; Sell \$200.00. Call 942-1126 leave message	WANTED CARS & TRUCKS 24-Hour Pick Up Top Dollar Paid 692-2304	AA MEETINGS Every Monday at 8:00 p.m. in Classroom A (basement) of Annapolis Hospital Westland Center 2345 Merriman, Westland Never-too-young meetings are held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (same location) For more information, Call 467-2300	BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TURN YOUR SPARE TIME INTO CASH New part-time opportunity may be just what you're looking for. Check it out. Call recorded message for details 1-404-605-7312 or write for free details—Alex Kapetan 68 East Auburn Avenue, Ecorse, Michigan 48229.	CASH PAID Looking for golf antiques, wooden shafts, art, photographs, paper ephemera, silver, memorabilia, etc. Call 942-1244 after 5 p.m. and on weekends.
FOR RENT Large building with plenty of office space. Unlimited possibilities. Downtown Romulus. Call 941-1616	FOR SALE Firewood—\$50 per face cord. Call 942-1776	1984 CUTLASS SUPREME V-6; AM/FM stereo; 90,000 highway miles; sharp car. \$1,800.00 or best. Call 942-1126 leave message.	MOTHERS OF TWINS If you are a mother of twins and want to get out for some fun and learn some shortcuts, come and join us for a meeting. S.S.M.O.T. meets the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be January 20 at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Tami at: 942-9678	FOR SALE Firewood—\$45 per face cord. FREE local delivery. Call 942-1107	ANIMALS FOR SALE 5-year-old pedigree Maltese (female), housebroken, good with children. \$75.00. Call 753-3906
FOR RENT 4-bedroom house for rent. 3-bedroom house for rent. In Romulus near Metro Airport. Call 941-1616 or 941-1229	FOR SALE Homegrown Chestnuts 28531 Northline Romulus 941-7378	CHILD CARE WANTED Christian baby-sitter, non-smoking, very caring for two children. Holidays off. Salary negotiable. Starting Dec. 3. Call 941-7298	APPLIANCE SERVICE M.D. APPLIANCE SERVICE \$7.00 Service Call 374-1717 or 782-3354 Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Stoves & Dishwashers	FOR SALE 20-gallon aquarium with small animal heater. Collapsible cage 24" x 12" x 13". Both \$45.00. Call 942-1126 leave message.	PERSONAL MICHELLE & TOMMY We hope that 1992 is very good to you both. Love, Mom and Dad
BEDROOM FOR RENT \$60.00 per week. Call 941-1727	FIREWOOD Mixed hardwood — \$45 per face cord. Delivery extra. Call 941-3910	WILL BABY-SIT full- or part-time. Wick School area. References. Call 941-3964	NOTICE Mayor Beverly McAnally will be the guest speaker at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon to be held at the Days Inn on January 21 at 11:30 a.m. There is a donation of \$10.00 per person. Guests are welcome. RSVP by January 17. (326-4290).	WANTED Old fishing lures and old hunting and fishing license buttons. Call 753-3381	KAYLA GAIL SKIVER Happy 3rd birthday, sissy! We love you bunches. Love, Christopher, Ronnie, Amanda, and Baby Mantha.
HELP WANTED WAITRESSES BARTENDERS BUS BOYS BOUNCERS KITCHEN HELP Full- and part-time positions open in Michigan's number-one adult entertainment club. Good pay and opportunities for advancement. Apply in person after 2 p.m. See manager. LANDING STRIP LOUNGE 36431 Goddard Downtown Romulus	FOR SALE Straw and walnuts Call 753-9235	WILL BABY-SIT full- or part-time in my home in Meadowdale subdivision. Call 941-4089	PERSON OF THE YEAR Beverly McAnally has been chosen by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce as its 12th Annual Romulus Person of the Year. The Awards Dinner/Dance honoring the Mayor for her outstanding service and accomplishments will be held on March 20 at the Radisson Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person, and must be paid in advance (by March 13) to the Chamber Office, located at 31200 Industrial Expressway. Call 326-4290 for more information.	WANTED DANCE INSTRUCTOR The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for an experienced dance instructor to teach beginning and continuing classes in ballet, tap, and jazz. The pay rate is \$8.50 to \$10 per hour, depending on the instructor's experience level. Call 942-6852	KAYLA Happy Birthday! We all love you very much. Love, Granny, Grandma Clark, Aunt Kristi, Lisa, Aunt Jalaina, Danielle, Uncle Mickey, Aunt Annie, Baby Mick-Mick, and Briana.
HELP WANTED Honest, reliable woman needed to help paralyzed man 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please apply only if interested in long-term employment. Call 941-7341 (9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.)	WORD PROCESSING Professional typing services (McIntosh Word Processing Program) at reasonable rates. Call 942-0315 evenings.	ORGANIZATIONS ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER ASSOC. Will meet on Thursday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library on 5 Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. Hema Reddy, M.D. will be describing the neurodevelopmental exam. This meeting is free of charge and open to the public. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please call 464-8233	ROMULUS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER Welcomes New Members. Join Now! Lots of Activities. Try It - You'll Like It! 36515 Bibbins 942-6852	YOUTH SUPERVISOR Adults ages 19 and over are needed to supervise children in grades three to six. The job will include coaching basketball and other activities. Coaching and experience working with children is preferred, but not required. Call 942-6852	HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVELYN (Daughter, Mother, Granny, Meemaw)! We love you very much! Have a nice day. Love, Your Giant Family
EDUCATIONAL MUSIC Private piano & organ lessons, 6-year olds to adults. Experienced teacher. Register now for classes. Call 697-9628	NEED HELP? Mature lady will do nurse aide work (experienced), light housekeeping, or house-sitting. I am also an experienced tutor in reading and English. Call 941-0348				MICHELLE Here's a note to my buddy, Shell; to tell her that I wish her well; I hope that life's good in '92; May love and luck always be with you. You said for me to use you instead of HER if I needed to. Love, Lee

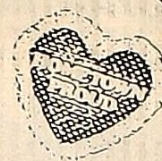


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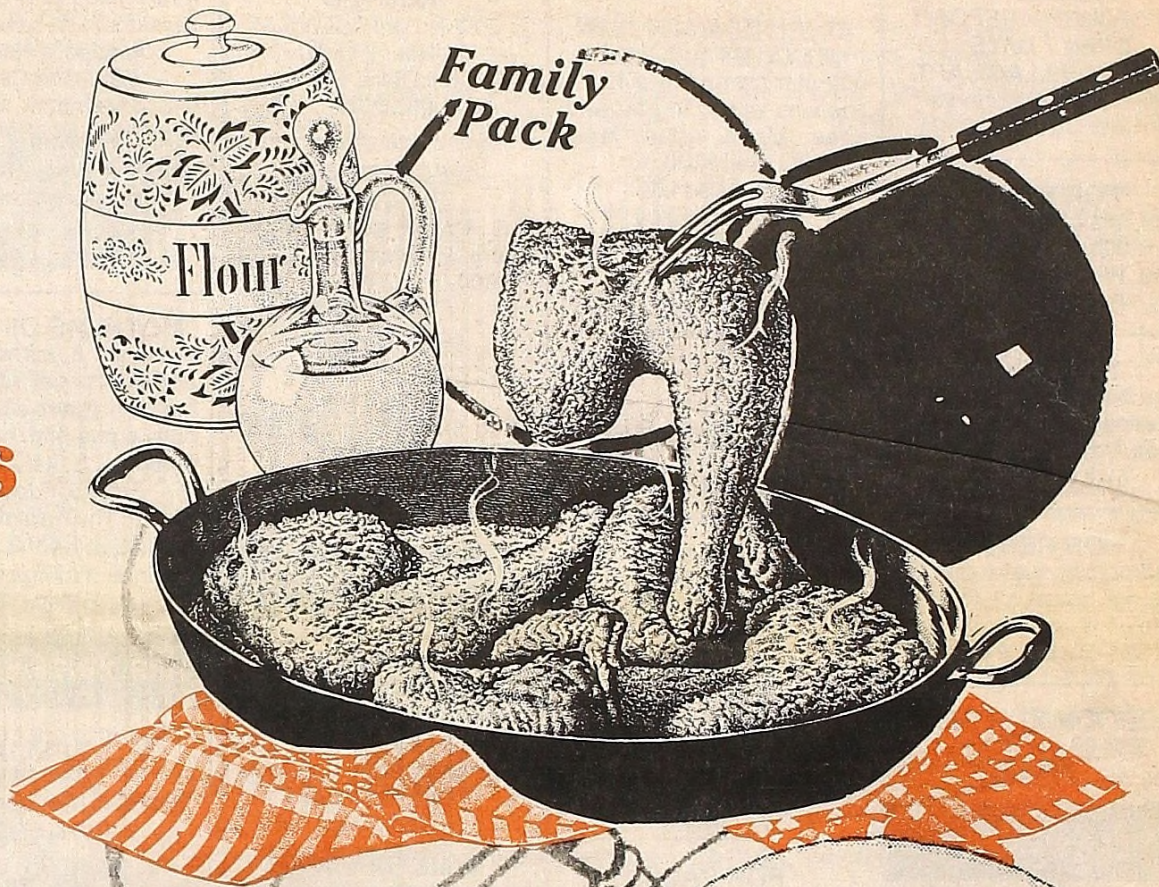
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